

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 897

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Suzanne Trussell
upon being named Murfreesboro City Schools'
Grades 5-6 Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Trussell is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Trussell, a fifth-grade teacher at Bellwood Discovery School, has recently been selected as Murfreesboro City Schools' Grades 5-6 Level Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Trussell attended kindergarten, starting at age three, at Arlington Methodist Church in Davidson County, then went to Una School before graduating from Glendcliff High School in Nashville in 1969; she continued her education at Middle Tennessee State University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Trussell has served with acumen and alacrity as a uniquely gifted and devoted educator for the past fourteen years. She taught for eleven years at Reeves-Rogers Elementary, including six years with sixth-graders, three years with fourth-graders, and one year with fifth-graders; she also taught fifth-graders at Northfield Elementary School for two years, before joining the faculty at Bellwood Discovery School this year as a fifth-grade teacher serving high achievers; and

WHEREAS, dedicated and enthusiastic, Suzanne Trussell "uses the methods of a story teller," and focuses on making learning fun for her students; she inspires by showing them

historical artifacts, directing them to demonstrate their computer presentation skills, and encouraging them to read good books by having them perform in plays and puppet shows; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Trussell is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens. Bellwood Discovery School Assistant Principal Patsy Davis praises her, saying: "She is absolutely tremendous. I've never seen anyone work so hard. She's the kind of teacher who does many, many extras for her class."; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Trussell truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Suzanne Trussell is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Geary, a quality director for Calsonic in Shelbyville; her two children, Cary, a nurse at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, and Bryan, an automobile mechanic in Nashville; and her parents, Mary Givens, a retired teacher, and William Givens, a retired supervisor at a Ford Glass plant; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Trussell truly epitomizes the model of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Suzanne Trussell of Bellwood Discovery School upon her selection as Murfreesboro City Schools' Grades 5-6 Level Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.